# **SHIPMENTS VERY HEAVY**

Recent Cold Snap Did No General Damage to Crops.

#### POTATOES ARE DAMAGED

With This Exception the Truckers Have No Cause for Complaint-Green Crops Were Helped by the Wet Weather-Quality Improved

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., March 31.—The recent
cold snap did not do any material damage to the crops in this section, with the exception of the potato crop, and today's shipments to the northern markets were quite heavy. Many hundred bar-rels came to the city over the Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal Company, and were shipped north. The recent heavy rains, while they had a tendency to rot the crops, aided in materially maturing the green stuff so that some of the glip-ments are away ahead of last season. The quality of the produce this season is, in many instances, better than last sea-

The continued wet weather has caused most of the early planted potato crop to rot, so say the farmers in this vicinity. Mr. Thomas Butt, near Berkley, is one of the truckers whose crop has rotted to

Mr. Thomas Butt, near Berkley, is oned the truckers whose crop has rotted to the extent that he will plow it up and replant. Unless the season becomes very favorable this will cause a late crop. What is true in the case of Mr. Butt is true with numerous others in this vicinity. The salad crops are not injured so far as can be learned.

THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY.

The United States cruiser Mayflower arrived in Hampton Roads this afternoon from Washington. On the Mayflower is Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President; the Roosevelt children and the nurses. All on the vessel are reported well.

The Mayflower was compelled to anphor in the Potomac last Sunday night in account of the storm.

Mrs. Roosevelt and the children seempd to enjoy the experience of being stormbound, and they were afforded an opportunity of seeing the storm king in all his glory. The Mayflower will probably proceed south to-merrow. After a tour of the southern country the party will return to Washington.

Rear-Admiral Percival F. Harrington, the new commandant of this naval station, will be received at the nawy-yard do-merrow morning with the booming of guns. The marine guard will turn out to meet the Admiral on his arrival.

Captain Scrader, German naval attache from Washington, arrived here to-day, and was met by a tug from the navy-yard. After visiting the yard he went to Newport News to superintend the docking of the German cruiser Gazelle, which arrived to-day.

COMMISSIONERERS VISIT.

Judge Beverly T. Crump, Hon. Henry Fairfax and the Hon. Henry C. Stuart, the Corporation Commissioners, arrived here this morning from Richmond. The commissioners' party started from the Chesapeake and Ohlo Railway wharf at 9 A. M. on the steamer Memphis for a tour of the harbor, visiting all the transportation properties on this side of the river, thence up the eastern branch and around the Berkley shore, to and up the southern branch, and then hack down by the navy-yard and along the Portsmouth side of the river to Pinner's Point and Port Norfolk. From Port Nor

SALARIES INCREASED.

Larger sufficies and an increased number of employes have been allowed the postoffice here. The increase in salaries already allowed is \$5.200 a year with \$2.100 additional that is practically sure to come, making a total increase for the year here \$7.550. This increase in the payment of salaries will go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year of July 1st. The rate of increase is \$100 to twenty men and \$200 to two men. In addition the office is allowed three letter carriers and one thance clerk more than the of-

the office is allowed three letter carriers and one finance clerk more than the office had before.

A new device has been inaugurated in several places which will surely catch chicken thieves wherever it is applied. J. D. Hill, of Forty-first Street, has experimented successfully in several instances with the electric battery, as a tell-tale on the chicken thief. Mr. Hill makes use of the Leyden jar in a simple electrical arrangement, and by means of the proper wire connection makes it practically impossible for the chicken thief to meddle with chicken coops in an effort to steal chickens without being caught. The apparatus gives immediate warning of the intruder.

# Soon to be Married.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
STODDERT. VA., March 31.—Mrs.
Charles Weeley Crawley has announced
the approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Sara Kathrine Crawley, to Mr.
Elisha Woodlin Madison, April 1st, at
half-past 6 o'clock, in Centenary Church.
Miss Crawley is quite a brilliant planist,
and is one of the handsonest girls in
Cumberland. Mr. Madison is deservedly
popular. Quite a large number of friends
from a distance will attend the marriage.
The bride will be attended by eight
bridesmaids, who will be gowned in
white en train, and will carry Easter
lilies. The maid of honor, Miss Fenner
Crawley, a sister of the bride, will wear
a costume of lace and carry Easter lilles.
After the ceremony a reception will be
tendered the bridal party at the home
of the groom-elect's parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Henry Madison, near this place.

# Louthan--Hurt.

Louthan-Hurt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

KING WILLIAM, VA., March 31.—At

"Retreat." King William county, on
March 25th, the Rev. W. H. Whitsitt, D.
D. united in the holy bonds of matrimony
Miss Elizabeth Rowland flurt and the
Rev. Henry Thompson Louthan, of Willlamsburg, Va. The bride was exquisitely
gowned in white, with dainty ornaments
of pearls and diamonds. Her bouquet
was of white roses and lilles of the valley. Her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Garnett
Patterson, of Richmond, maid of honor,
was also gowned in white, and carriod a
bouquet of American beauties.

The wedding march was finely rendered
by Miss Josephine Sizer, of King William.

The Rev. A. D. Louthan, of Richmond,
was best man. The ushers were Rev. H.
A Willis, of Beulahville, and Kinkle Ailen, of Amherst Courthouse. The groom

is a graduate of Richmond College and the Southern Baptist Theological Semi-nary, of Louisville, also an alumnus of the University of Virginia.

Soon to be Married. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROXBURY, VA., March 81.—The marriage of Mr. J. S. Christian, of Talleysville, to Miss Mary Nelson Waring, of
Palls, will take place April the 8th, at
Jerusalem Christian Church, King William county. They will make their future home near Talleysville, Va.

Vessel Still on the Beach.

(Special to The Beach.)

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., March Bi.—Advices to-day from Old Point were to the effect that the four-masted schooner Edward L. Davenport, which went ashore near the reservation yesterday morning, was still on the beach, and the vessel appears to be in bad condition. The tug Rescue, which went from here to float the vessel was unsuccessful, and has Rescue, which went from here to hoat the vessel, was unsuccessful, and has returned to port. No further work will be done until the owners of the vessel arrive. At the time the Davenport went ashere she was bound from Boston to Norfolk for a cargo of coal.

# SIGNS OF GROWTH IN CLIFTON FORGE

### New Enterprises Started and Many Dwelling Houses Under Construction.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CLIFTON FORGE, VA., March 31.-Alleghany Pin and Bracket Company has been chartered in this county with a cash paid-in capital of \$50,000. This company has acquired the ice and electric ligh plant at Covington and will furnish that town with an electric light service. Their other factories will be located in Coving brackets for electrical supplies. The men connected with the new company are men of means and well known in this section of the State. T. M. Gathright is president; R. W. Crowder, of Waynesbore, vice-president, and E. M. Gathright secretary and treasurer. The company will build a handsome business house in Covinston in the near future. Some of the material for the erection of twelve new residences in West Clifton Forgé by the Alleghahy Construction Company has arrived and as soon as the weather permits work will begin. These dwellings will be commodious and well located in the residential section of the town. A searcity of dwellings has existed in Clifton Forge for the past year or more, and as soon as they are completed more will be erected by the company.

or more, and as soon as they are company.

There is some talk of the Chesapeake and Ohlo shops being enlarged and improved, and it is generally supposed that if it is done at all, work will begin some time in the near future. At present, the shops work from 400 to 500 hands, and if the above report is true, many more houses will be needed by machinists who will move here from other points.

Messrs. E. D. Smith and James F. Smith have plotted a new addition to the town, and many lots have been sold, on which will be erected new dwelling houses. A movement is on foot to anex Clifton Forge proper and West Clifton, which are now two separate corporations. If this is done the town will have 5,000 population, and with the enlargement of the Chesapeake and Ohlo shops, many machibists with their families will move here and thus swell the population.

# Murder Trial in Abingdon.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) all ABINGDON, VA., March 31.—In the trial of Ella Baker Gray, colored, to-day, for the murder of C. M. Chester, the time was consumed by the argume P. W. Campbell for the Commonwealt P. W. Campbell for the Commonwealth and L. P. Summers for the defense. To-morrow will be largely consumed by Hon. Daniel Trigg for the defense, and Commonwealth's Attorney P. J. Davenport, and the case given to the jury in the afternoon. The utmost public interest is manifested in the case, every foot of standing room in the court-room being counted. ing occupied.

Rockbridge Farms in Demand.

Hockbridge Farms in Demand.

(Special to The Times-Diagnach.)

LEXINGTON, VA., March 31.—Mr. L.

L. Wilson, of Upshur county, W. Va.,
has bought the Jonathan Shafer farm,
situated on Broad Creek, six miles south
of Lexington. The farm contains nearly
600 acres of fine grazing land, and the
price paid was \$13,000. Several other gentlemen from the same section of West
Virginia are looking at Rockbridge farms
with the view of purchasing homes here.

# New Factory at McKenney.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
M'KENNEY, VA., March 81.—The MoKenney Manufacturing Company have
purchased machinery to make barrel and
keg heading, also staves, and will comkeg heading, also staves, and will com-mence operation at once; making barrel heads a specialty. They will also run in connection with the business a saw mil, and work the lumber into heading at McKenney.

# Want Blennial Terms.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
SUFFOLIC, VA., March 31.—At a meeting last night the Suffolk Business MerAssociation, in a resolution, requested Delegate Jordan and Senator Shands to vote in favor of having municipal elec-tions every two years, and to favor the election of salaried officers by Council appointment, rather than by popular vote.

# CARROLL MAN IS FROZEN TO DEATH

### Had Enlisted in the Army and Was Stationed With His Company in Alaska.

(Special to The Times-Disputch.)
GLADESBORO, VA., March 31.—Peyton Webb, a young man of this place, who enlisted in the United States army, and had been stationed with his com-pany in Alaska, was frozen to death there a few weeks ago, and his remains will be shipped home for interment in May or June. B. A. Puckett, who went West twenty-

seven years ago, is on a visit to his mother here. He will start in a few days to Alaska, where he owns thou-sands of dollars' worth of mineral prop-erty. Mr. Puckett has accumulated a fortune in gold mines of Alaska.

# BROWN'S PROCHES "The best preparation for colds, coughs, ad asthma," RRS, S. A. WATSON, Temperance Lecturer "Pro-uninently the best." REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER.

# VIRGINIA IS THE WINNER

Pennsylvania Defeated in a Ten-Inning Contest.

### A BATTLE OF PITCHERS

Prichard for Virginia Has Rather the Best of the Contest-He Is Given Admirable Support-Deviln Forces in the Winning Run.

Virginia defeated Pennsylvania here this afternoon, 1 to 0, in an exciting ten-inning contest, the like of which has not been seen at the University in years. It was pitchers' battle from beginning to end, in which Prichard, the Virginia twirler, more than held his own against the Quak-er southpaw, Deviln, who is rated as the second best college pitcher in this coun-

steady throughout, allowing but four hits, only one of them going out of the diamond. He struck out six of the Quaker batsmen and fielded his position admira-

The men behind him also put up a mag-The men behind him also put up a magnificent fielding game, the only error being made by Stearns, who let a hot one get past him. The infield worked like elockwork, Mason, Stucky and Rosser meeting the leather half way and throwing to first. Munger made a sensational enter of a foul, which almost grazed the grandstand. In the outfield Nalle brought the rooters to their feet by three difficult cutches of long liles. In the fifth inning the Northerners had a splendid chance to score, but a quick double, Rosser to Stearns, spoiled it. Virginia frequently got runners on the sacks, but the fine pitching of Dovlin prevented them from counting.

In the filth, with two out and two outstrikes on Rosser, Captain Pollard made a desperate effort to score from third, but was caught at the plate. In the tenth Rosser was hit by a pitched ball. Munger hit to Devlin, who threw wild to second. Pichard went out on a pop fly

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# A WOMAN INVOLVED

### James Bowen Killed By Talton Slaughter in Lunenburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLACKSTONE, VA., March 31,-Further particulars of the homicide which oc-Lunenburg counties on Saturday night, in which Talton Slaughter shot James Bowen, are to the effect that both had been to this place that day, but their

been to this place that day, but their quarrel did not occur here, nor on their way home. They did not come here togother, nor did their visit here have any connection with their trouble.

There was an old grudge between the two men, who were both about twenty years old, regarding a young woman to whom both were attentive. Saturday night this girl went to the home of Bowen's mother, as did also Slaughter, and some others of the neighborhood. A discussion arose between Slaughter and the girl, in which Bowen took the girl's part. The two men came to blows, when Slaughter pulled out his pistol and fired two shots at Howen. The first struck him in the waist-band of his pants and was found later in his pants. The second shot struck him in the temple and ranged down, near the spinal column in the back of the neck.

An inquest was held on Sunday by Magistrate George Z. Jones and the accused committed to the Lunenburg fall to await action by the grand jury.

The scene of the killing is immediately on the line of Brunswick and Lunenburg counties, near Macedonia Church, about thirteen miles from this place. All the parties engaged were well known in the neighborhood.

# **FARMERS HINDERED**

#### The Weather Conditions Have Thrown Them Back in Pulaski. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DUBLIN, VA., March 31.—Farming or

erations are much hindered by the weather, and buildings in course of erection or, and buildings in course or erection proceed slowly. Dobyns Bros., who expected to complete their large store-house and hotel by the middle of March, will scarcely do so by the first of May. Horse buying has been very lively of late, and the highest prices known for many years have been paid. All kinds and conditions, from very common "plugs," of uncertain age, manners and conditions as to wind and limbs, up to thoroughbreds, have found ready sale. And the man who has log meat, either animate or hanging in his smoke-house, hath a gold mine.

Wheat is looking as well as ever seen at this season. The mild March rushed its growth to such an extent that cattle and horses were called upon to help the sheep and lambs eat it down. In consequence of this fine and abundant pasture the lambs are in very line condition.

The two rural free delivery routes reproceed slowly. Dobyns Bros., who ex-

# AN OYSTER COMBINE Packers and Shippers Interested In

Packers and Shippers interested in Charter Granted in Norfolk.

(Epocial to The Times Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., March 31.—One of the new charters granted here developed to day into a combine of the oyster packers and shippers. The capital is not large, but the Hampton Roads Oyster Packers and Planters' Association embraces the principal oyster dealers here, and the combine they have entered into will enable the parent company to fix prices and control the market here. The capital is limited to two hundred thousand dollars, but that is regarded as sufficient to control the business of packing and shipping, which is spot cash and depends wholly on labor.

At Ashland To-Day.

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(Special to The Times-Dianatch.)
ASHLAND, VA., March Si.—The Gettysburg College hase-ball team will play
Randolph-Macon to-morrow afternoon at
Ashland.

# **LOOKING FOR HEIRS** OF BIG FORTUNE

**Boston Attorney Searching for** Descendants of Pinckards of King George County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDBRICKSBURG, VA., March 3L-Nelson H. Tunnicliff, of Boston, Mass., has been here looking for the descendants 1800 to 1814 in King George county. In 1814, Saughter Dishman Pinckard was born, and in 1821 a brother, Enoch Nell Pinckard. Mr. Tunnicliff wishes to locate the collateral relatives of these two brothers. It is understood that they are heirs to a large fortune.

Joseph Shelton disappeared from his home. In King George county, a few

Joseph Shelton disappeared from his home, in King George county, a few days ago, and his family has not yet heard from him. It is stated that his wife is nearly frantic with grief.

Cédar Hill farm, at Hamilton's Crossing, in Spotsylvania county, belonging to Mrs. Mary Marye, and containing 700 acres, has been sold to Mr. Charles Challey, of North Dakota, for \$7,500. Mr. Challey will take possession at once, improve the property, build a handsome reserved. chancy will take possession at once, im-prove the property, build a handsome res-idence, and bring his family here to re-

idence, and bring his family here to reside.

The residence of Mr. Charles W. Allegar, near Stafford Store, in Stafford county, was destroyed by fire. The family barely escaped with their lives, and everything was lost. The property was insured.

Mesers, A. E. Tull, F. G. Langford and Dr. F. W. Lawle

Mosers. A. E. Tull, F. G. Langford and Dr. F. W. Lewis, have purchased the old Belle Isle estate in the Northern Neck, and will make extensive improvements to the proprty. They will build a large canning factory and make a stock farm of the place.

High winds prevailed in Essex county a few days ago, uprooting fruit trees and leveling fences near Tappahannock. The remains of Mr. Robert Cox, formerly of Stafford county, who died in Washington of tuberculois, were brought here and taken to White Oak Church, in Stafford county, for interment.

### HIS BROTHERS ARRESTED

#### Negro Found Dead on Railroad Track Foul Play Suspected.

Foul Play Suspected.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PAMPLIN \ CITY, VA., March 31.—

Ephelbest Cobes (colored) was found dead here early this mornly, near the rallroad track, with a gash in the flesh of the forehead, but the skull was not hroken. It is thought that he must have been foully dealt with, and hence placed by the rallroad to Indicate that some train killed him. Suspicion points to two brothers, both of whom had been drinking, as well as the dead man. The brothers are John and William James, who have been arrosted. The coroner's inquest is now being held, hence no decision has been given yet.

German Cruiser to be Docked. (Succial to The Times Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 31.—The NEWFORT NEWS, VA., March Si.—The German cruiser Gazelle arrived here this afternoon, and is now anchored off the shippard. As the yessel passed Fort Monroe, she fired a national salute of twenty-one guns, which was returned by one of the guns on the rampart of the fort. The Gazello will be docked here. Captain Schrader, naval attacha of the German Legation at Washington, has been ordered here in connection with the work.

Paint for Lynchburg's Postoffice. (Special to The Cimes-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., March 31.—Post-master J. M. McLaughlin has secured the funds and authority to repaint the government building here, and to improve the postoffice rooms.

# A RAILROAD TO CHINCOTEAGUE

### Shippers Complain That Their Wares Are Delayed by Vessels Running Aground.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHINCOTEAGUE, VA., March 31.—
Much complaint is being heard at present from the merchants and oyster and clam dealers here on account of their shipments being delayed by the steamers running agound, caused by the shallow-ness of the bay. There is now in circuness of the bay. There is now in circulation a petition which will be sent to the Delaware Ralicrad offidals carnestly requesting them to extend their railroad to the Island. The question of the extension of the railroad to this place has been discussed for several years, and that the prospects are brighter now than ever before is beyond a doubt. Never in the history of the island has there been a more prosperous cyster season than the one that is nearing its close, During the entire season there has been no appreciable decline in prices, and the shipments are without a precedent,

and the shipments are without a precedent.

There will be a live pigeon match here on the lat of April, and quite a large number of sportsmen from Maryland. Pennsylvania, Delaware and other States are expected to be on hand. The contest will be governed in accordance with the Rhode Island rules,
Captain Islambert Ayers, of Berlin, Md., will start into the fishing business on a large scale this spring at Tom's Cove, the most colebrated fishing grounds in this section of the State. He will also have a new dwelling built for the accommodation of his fishing crew on Fishing Point.

Rev. Mr. Lenser, pagtor of the Mendist Episcopal Church, of this place, has been transferred to a pastorate in South Jersey, Rev. W. B. Quthrie will be his successor.

cently established from our town have proved very popular, and others are in contemplation. TO MANN BILL

> **Newport News Liquor Dealers** Have a Change to Offer.

#### SALOONS IN THE SUBURBS

The Object in the Proposed Amendment is to Make Saloons on the Outskirts of Cities or Towns Pay as Mnch License as Those in Oities.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 31. The liquor dealers of this city have pre-pared an amendment to the Mann bill, and will in the next few days send a delegation to Richmond with it to work for its passage. The amendment pro-vides that all saloons located within a mile of the corporate limits of a city or town shall pay the same license as those in the city or town. As there will not be a meeting of the City Council for a week, the amendment will not be held for the recommendation of the city fa-thers, the object of the liquor men being to get the amendment to Richmond without dolay. Mayor Moss to-day endorsed the amendment, however, and nearly all of the Councilmen have followed his exof the Counclimen have followed his example. The liquor men claim that it is unjust to allow saloons within a few doors of the saloons on the outskirts of the ofity to do business under licenses so much lighter than those paid by the city liquor dealers.

The high license tax placed on saloons by the City Council will cause many dives to be opened just outside of the limits, it is said, and the dealers, as well as the city officials, are unxious to have steps taken to prevent this.

THE JAMESTOWN BILL

A delegation of about one hundred rep-

THE JAMESTOWN BILL.
A delegation of about one hundred representative men of the Peninsula will go
by Richmond to-morrow morning to cooperate with the delegations from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Berkley and other
edities in the fight for the passage of the
bill appropriating \$200,000 for the Jamestown Exposition. President Stevens, of
the Chesapeake and Ohio Rallway Company, has notified Mr. J. L. Patton,
president of the Chamber of Commerce,
that a special rate of \$1.25 for the round
trip will be made to delegates, Over
fifty of the delegates will be from this
city, and the others will be from Hampton, Phoebus, Old Peint, and Williamsburg.

DURING THE CARNIVAL.

Mayor Moss has written to the Secretary of the Navy, requesting that the North Atlantic squadron be sent here and anchroed off the Casino grounds during the week of the military and firemen's carrival, which begins April 18th. His Honor also asked that a detachment of marines be allowed to participate in the parade. A letter has also been written to Admiral Dewey, asking him to use his influence towards bringing the squadron here. The Secretary of War has been requested to have as many companies as possible sent over from Fort

been requested to have as many compa-nies as possible sent over from Fort Monroe to participate in the parade. CORPORATION COMMISSION. The Corporation Commission, Beverly T. Crump, chairman; Henry Fairfax, Henry C. Stuart and John A. Upshur, secretary, arrived in the city this after-noon from Norfolk and spont several hours in inspecting the shipyard and the Chesapeake and Ohio terminals. The members of the commission were shown over the city by President Patton; of the Chamber of Commerce; Superintend-ent Post; of the shipyard; H. E. Parker, superintendent of terminals for the Chessuperintendent of terminals for the Ches apeake and Ohio; W. S. Upshur, agen for the Chesapeake and Ohio Grain Ele

evening to take dinner and spend the night.

NEW NATIONAL BANK.

The new Second National Bank, which has been organized here, will open at No. 2704 Washington Avenue about May lst.

The schooner Charles L. Davenport, which went on the rocks at Old Point Sunday night, is still high and dry, the efforts of the tugs to float her having been in vain so far. It seems that the schooner may yet be a total loss, although it was thought yesterday that she could be hauled off the rocks at high tide.

# V. M. I. CATALOGUE

#### t Shows a Total Matriculation of Nearly Three Hundred. (Special to The Times Dispatch.) CINGTON, VA., March 31.

Jirginia Military Institute catalogue for the session 1902-'3 is now being issued from the press. The publication contains 120 pages of useful information, sides numerous llustrations, such as an endet barracks, "Stonewall" Jackson Memorial Hall, Smith Academic building cadet battery, parade ground and officers' quarters and encompment.

The first or graduating class has third the savend class sixty. ty-one members, the second class sixty-three, third class fifty-seven, and fourth class 117. There are three post-graduate students and three left last september. The following twenty-eight States, together with the District of Columbia and Mexico, are represented among the matriculators: Virginia leads, with 129; Texas, 19; West Virginia, 16; North Carolina, 16; Kontucky and Pennsylvania cach, 12; District of Columbia, New York and Tennessee cach, 8; Mississippi, 6; Georgia, 5; Alabama, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri and Montana cach, 4; Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana and Ohiocach, 2; California, Colorado, Iowa, Mexico, Michigan, New Joresy, Oklahoma Territory, South Carolina and Washington each, one, giving a total matriculation of the session of 274, which is an increase over last year of 38.

The academic staff consists of nineteen professors and instructors, and the military staff has flye. Since organization in 185 there have been 1,818 full graduates, many of them eminent in the various professions. ty-one members, the second class sixty three, third class fifty-seven, and fourth

# PHONE RATES RAISED

Covington May Organize a Phone Com pany of its Own.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COVINGTON, VA,, March 81.—The

Clifton Forge Telephone Company has been operating a telephone line in Covbeen operating a telephone line in Covington for several years. Recently all who rent phones were notified that the present rates for phone rent would be increased \$5 a year. Those who rent the phones considered this increase an unjust addition to the present rates, and as a protest against this change a paper was circulated, in which those who signed it stated that they would not pay any extra rent for the phones now in use. It is understood that unless the phone renters consent to pay the prices demanded by the company, the prices demanded by the company, the prices demanded by the company the prices they will have their phones and they will have their phones are they will have their phones and they will have their phones are they will have their phones of the ington Retail Dealers' Protective and claton, has called a meeting of any renters and other citizens of Covings to be held in the courthouse, or the pur-pose or organizing a company composed of citizens of Covincton, to natall and operate a local 'phone system

ARRESTED AT DANVILLE

Charged with Robbing a Man at Reids-(Rpecial to The Times-Dist teh.)

DANVILLE, VA., March and Trank
Huffine, of Reidsville, was an acted here
this afternoon, charged with having
stolen 8000 from a farmer amed Anderson Gabson, who lives shout four
miles from Reidsville. Mr. Gibson
found his money gone yesterday afternoon, and at once reported he matter
to the ohler of police at Reidsville, and
the fact that he suspected Huffine, who
was missing. It was thought Huffine
had come to Danville, and about 4 o'clock saw Huffine at the Southorn/depot. He was promptly arrested
and \$275 was found on his person. Huffine dialmed that he had found the
money. Huffine was taken back to
Reidsville late this afternoon. (Special to The Cimes Dis

# **COLLEGES WILL** BE CONSOLIDATED

### Emory and Henry, Martha Washington and Sullins to Be Merged by Methodists.

Be Merged by Methodists.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ABINGDON, VA., March 31.—This community has for a week been startled by rumors of the consolidation of the three Methodist Colleges, Emory and Henry, under the presidency for some years of Dr. R. G. Waterhouse; Sullins College, all Bristol, at present under the presidency of Dr. S. N. Barker, and Martha Washington College, for some years under the presidency of Dr. W. M. Dyer. These Colleges are well known, and although all of them are under the control of the Holston Conference, they have herefore been acting independently, and rivalry has caused some little friction between them. While the matter has set reached the press, still there is unquestioned authority for the statement that the three colleges have agreed upon a plan of absolute consolidation, the details of which are substantially as follows:

Dr. Dyer remains president of Martha Washington, with Dr. Waterhouse as copresident; Dr. S. N. Barker retires from Sullins College, of which Dr. Waterhouse becomes president, with Dr. Dyer as copresident; Dr. Waterhouse remains president of Emory and Henry, with Dr. Dyer as vice-president; who is also to be made a trustee of the institution.

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nave created a sensation in this commu-nity, although the matter has not yet been published. It may be that the con-ference will have to endorse the move-ment before it becomes finally effective, but rumor is that it will go into effect at the beginning of the naxt-autumn ses-sions.

#### IN FULL BLOSSOM

Chesterfield Reports That the Fruit Trees Are Well Advanced.

(Special to The Times-Disortch.)
CHESTER, VA., March 31.—Continued rains are making the farmers rather blue in this section, especially on the river bottoms, but vegetation and the season are very forward on the upper lands. Some fear is entertained about late frosts, as the fruit trees are in full blossori and strawberries are much in advance this year.

year.

There has been and will be more build, ings erected in this community this year than any previous year, and some enterprises are in prospect.

The article on "Good Roads," contributed by Mr. C. N. Friend to The Times.

Dispatch, and published in Sunday's issue, the 29th instant, is receiving favorable comment, and Senator Cogbill has been requested by prominent parties, among them Hon. W. W. Baker, to have it incorporated with the State road Jaws. The plan suggested is believed by competent judges to be a solution of the vexed road question, placing the road building in competent hands, and taking the mater and the people's funds out of political influence and patronage and relieving the Board of Supervisors of a great responsibility.

# **GUERRANT PARDONED**

President Acts in Case of Miner Punished for Violating Injunction.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 31.-A tele-LYNCHBURG, VA., March 31.—A telegram received here to-day states that the President has pardoned E. D. Guerrant, an organizer of the United Mine Workers, who four months ago was convicted at Abingdon and given eight months in jail for contempt of court in violating an injunction restraining him from interfering with the operations of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company.

# New Bank at Roanoke.

New Bank at Hoanoke.

(Special to The, Times-Disnatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., March 31.—Preliminary steps toward the organization of a new national bank, to be known as the Peoples' National Bank, were made last night, and its success is assured. It will have a capital of \$100,000.

Without Food for Three Days. (Special to The Times Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., March St.—W. R.,
Ehert gave himself up to the police tonight, saying he was a deserter from the
United States ship Franklin, in the port
of Norfolk. He said he had been without

# KNOCKED OFF BY BOOM OF THE BOAT

### Fisherman Drowned in Potomac Near Walnut Point. Belle Isle Estate Sold

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HEATHSVILLE, VA., 'March 31. ordan, while returning from fishing traps recently, was knocked over by the boom of the boat and drown the Potomac River, near Walnut the Potomac River, near Walnut, Northumberland county.

The Belle Isle farm, containing acres, and probably the only anteestate in the Northern Neck, the not been divided, has been purchal. B. Tull, F. W. Lankford and W. Lowis. The farm is situated? Rappahannock River, near Wh. Lancaster county. These gentlem tend to make many improvements farm and convert it into a stock far. Rev. Dr. Rosebro, president of F icksburg College, will deliver a 1 Richmond county, or

d Miss Bessle L recently at the Wheelton, Lav R. D. Payne, Ba ople of Lancaste

# COUNCILMEN RESIGNING

Vacancies Will Be Filled at the Next Meeting in Petersburg

JOHN BAILEY'S TRIAL

He is Charged With a Serious Offens in Sussex, but the Next Term will Not Be a Grand Jury Term.

Mrs. Wm. Cameron Burned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., Murch 31.—
John E. Kirkham has resigned as m ber of the Common Council from Bixth Ward. This vacancy will prob be filled at the next meeting of the Ci<sup>N</sup> cil, the names of Messrs. Charles by Walsh and R. L. Matthews being mea tioned in connection with the vacane, it is probable that Mr. A. G. M. Martis Councilman from the Third Ward, wi soon resign. Messrs. O. W. Mattox and Robert Cabaniss are being considered for

Robert Cabaniss are being considered for this vacancy.

John Bailey, a negro, charged with attempting oriminal assault in Sussex county, may not be tried at the next term of the Sussex Court, which begins Thursday, This is not a grand jury term, and if is hardly probable that apecial grand jury will be summoned.

Rovival services will begin at High-Street Church the third week in April, The pastor, Rev. George E. Booker, will be assisted by Rev. George Wesley Jones, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Norfolk.

Mr. R. E. Gill has just returned from Danville, where he attended, as representative from the Petersburg District the State Epworth League Conference which adjourned Sunday after being it session four days. Mr. Gill says the conference was one of the most enthusic ratic ever held. Rev. S. C. Hatcher hastor of Market-Sirest Church, this difference was detected president, and Mr. I ham R. Dyer, also of Petersburg, was elected president, and Mr. Thes Jane Boyle, an aged, lady living the Bellingbrook Street, was stricken with

itiss Jane Boyle, an aged lady livin on Bollingbrook Street, was stricken wit parayisis Saturday, and her condition

considered serious.

Willies Stewart, colored, was before the Mayor this morning, charged with wife beating. Major Jones told Stewart idd not intend to allow any wife or with the management of the manabater to go unpunished and find him \$10.

Miss Ida Benfey, the story tells closed the Star course season at it Young Men's Christian Association this city to-night. A large crowd ejoyed Miss Benfey's wonderful story tells. The star course has become a morning that the star course has become a morning that the Association in Pe' reburg.

MRS. CAMERON BURNED.

MRS. CAMER

First /Baptist Church Co The First /Baptist Church Committee has before it the names of several min siters looking to the selection of a successor to Dr. Battle. The committee with the commi cessor to J. Batto.

not make public any names.

The First Virginia Regiment, Uniform
Rank Knights of Pythias, will take par
in the memoria; exercises in Petersbur
the 9th of June.

Appointments at Roanoke.

(Spocial to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE VA., March 31.—[Mr. seph H. Sands has been appointed storal managor of Castiner, Curran & Bitt, coal fagents, with headquarters Roanoke. He will have jurisdiction with freight rates, transportation and railroad matters in connection with a business.

Mr. Samuel B. Cary has been appointminager of the Eastern Line trade, wheadquarters at Roanoke, in place Mr. D. H. Matson, resigned. He whave charge of sales of Pocahonias of in North and South Carolina and in Viginia except at Norfolk, Portsmound Berkley.

and Berkley.

Burglary in Wytheville.

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(Special to The Times Dispatch.)

WYTHEVILLE, VA., March 31.—)

drug store of Owens and Owens,
Wythavillo, was burglarized Saturn
night, the thieves gaining access
breaking a side window with a rock. Tf
went through the cash drawers with
securing any booty, rifled the desk of C. D. Owens, head of the figm, and se
tered his papers on the floor and twithout success to open the safe. On
day it was thought they had taken
ing from the store, but yesterday
discovered that a fine shotzun beld
to a olerk, Sanders Stephens, had
appropriated. No trace of the guilty
ties has yet been discovered.

Paper at Franklin.

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(Sneclai to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, VA., March 31.—Cli
Judge Prentiss to-day granted a cha
ter of incorporation to the J. P. Holla
Publishing Company of Franklin, V
The officers: J. Peter Holland, Franklin
president and treasurer; J. M. Dardé
Zuni, vice-president; S. A. Mayer, Fralin, secretary, Those, with Dr. R., W.
Seward, Isle of Wight Courthouse
Henry Cobb, Claude J. Ed
Robert A. Pretiow, Franklin,
Thomas Ji. Birdsong, Courtland;
of Directors. The object of the ce
tion is to publish the Graphic, a 'n
printing office in Franklin, in
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Manganese in Cambpell. Manganese in Cambpell,
(Snecial to The Times Dispatch,
LYNCH'S STATION, VA., Marcy
Manganese mining is attracting mue
tention here. Recently the lessees of
Frazier mine have placed new mach
at the mine, and expect to get out
quantities of ore. The Bishop mine is
being worked by a Pennsylvania
pany, Both of these are valuable p
ties and give employment to many

Danvi lle Tobacco Sales, DANVILLE, VA., March 31.—Presid E. K. Jones, of the Danville. Tobai Association, reports total tobacco sales. March, 6,282,963 pounds, an increase, 0,083,677 pounds over March of last y Indications are that this week will light sales.

